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NEWS OF COMMUNIST PARTY PUBLICATIONS

LIDOVA SPRAVA MUST HAVE LIAISON WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEES

The periodical Lidova Sprava (People's Administration), a publication of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, is published twice monthly for the members of the national committees. Recently, the press department of the secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia called a conference concerning this periodical, which was attended by the editors and by workers from the department of people's administration of the secretariat. At this conference, it was concluded that Lidova Sprava is too far removed from the national committees and from the masses of their officials for whom it is intended.

To be sure, the periodical devotes most of its space to basic, critical, and instructive articles, which inform the national committees of their principal tasks. However, it cites few concrete examples from their activities to illustrate their merite and shortcomings. It prints few contributions from individual workers of the people's administration, and it does not organize a wide exchange of their experiences. This all arises from lack of contact with officials of national committees in small. localities and okreses. If the editors are to fulfill their tasks, they must constantly confer with these officials and learn of their experiences both by extensive personal contact and by means of letters. The editors of Lidova Sprava ought to participate in the conferences of national committee officials.

The periodical lacks columns in which inquiries could be answered regularly and in which the editors semastize and immediately explain various decrees, etc. In addition to giving political instruction in its principal articles (which it actually does), <u>Lidova Sprava</u> must make greater efforts to assist the national committees concretely in the detailed, although perhaps less important, work which nevertheless frequently

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creates difficulties for the members of the committees. Columns are also lacking for acquainting the readers regularly with the rich experiences of the Soviet Union, particularly those of the local soviets.

The periodical has been printing various general articles, most of which represent merely a weak decoction of the daily press. Gross political errors have frequently occurred in these articles, including such absurdities as the statement that "... if the Pope had excommunicated Franz Josef, World War I could not have occurred." Because such blunders occurred only among the supplementary material of the periodical, they were able to escape the attention of the responsible workers of the department of people's administration. Nevertheless, it must be realized that such errors could threaten the authority of the entire periodical as an organ of the Communist Party.

In conclusion, it was decided at the conference that the editorial staff of <u>Lidova Sprava</u> must be strengthened politically and technically by mature editors. Furthermore, the editorial staff itself must constantly strive to increase the level of its work. The editorial council, which will meet regularly, shall prepare a thematic plan of the periodical for 3 months in advance, as well as a detailed plan for the next two issues. The department of people's administration of the secretariat of the Central Committee of the Communist Party has decided to check thoroughly all the work of the periodical.

PAMPHLETS PUBLISHED FOR MALATYK'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Two pamphlets commemorating the 100th birthday of Masaryk have been published. One pamphlet, by Vaclav Kopecky, will serve as a basis for membership meetings and for lectures in party schools and in information offices of Marxism-Leninism. The second pamphlet, by Dr Zdenek Nejedly, will be used as a basis for public lectures organized by the enlightenment service.

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